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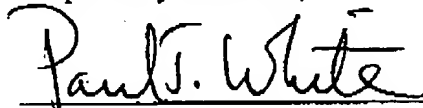
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UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 1.136 AND 1.17(a)(2)

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Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action, dated April 19, 2005 for one (1) month from July 19, 2005 to August 19, 2005 to prepare a response to the Examiner's rejections. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner for Patents to charge the amount of \$120.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

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